



December 4, 2013

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Steve Merriam and Jens Laipenieks from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC), and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted an ex parte meeting with Gigi B. Sohn, Special Counsel for External Affairs in the Office of the Chairman on December 4.

These ex parte meetings consisted of a discussion of the lack of robust broadband and the related demographic issues present in the North Slope Borough and the extreme construction and maintenance challenges in the harsh Arctic environment. We provided an update on ASTAC's effort to realize the benefits of the Arctic Fiber Network (AFN) project.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 12/4/13

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President and CEO

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